

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information reproducing apparatus comprising an information obtaining device which obtains necessary information for reproduction from a loaded recording medium and a reproduction control device which exerts control to reproduce recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information, wherein the information reproducing apparatus comprises:

a selection request device which prompts a user to select a type of the recording medium;  
and

a selection acceptance device which accepts selection of the type of the recording medium from the user,

wherein the information obtaining device obtains the necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium,

wherein the information reproducing apparatus further comprises:

a determination device which determines the type of the recording medium; and

a mode selection acceptance device which accepts from the user, selection of one of a determination mode by the determination device and a selection acceptance mode by the selection acceptance device,

wherein the information obtaining device obtains the necessary information for the reproduction from the recording medium according to the type of the recording medium in the selected mode,

wherein the selection acceptance device accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium during the determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination device, and

wherein the information obtaining device obtains the necessary information for reproduction according to the type of the recording medium based on a faster one of the determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination device and the selection of the type of the recording medium by the selection acceptance device.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the determination device performs at least one of a first determination, a second determination, and a third determination, the first determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD or a DVD, the second determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a single session or a multisession, and the third determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD audio or a CD-ROM, and

the selection acceptance device performs at least one of a first selection acceptance, a second selection acceptance, and a third selection acceptance, the first selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD or the DVD, the second selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the single session or the multisession, and the third selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD audio or the CD-ROM.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the determination device performs at least one of a first determination, a second determination, and a third determination, the first determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD or a DVD, the second determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a single session or a multisession, and the third determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD audio or a CD-ROM, and the selection acceptance device performs at least one of a first selection acceptance, a second selection acceptance, and a third selection acceptance, the first selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD or the DVD during the first determination by the determination device, the second selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the single session or the multisession during the second determination by the determination device, and the third selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD audio or the CD-ROM during the third determination by the determination device.

Claim 6 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the determination device stops the first determination and moves onto the second determination in the case where the first selection acceptance is performed by the selection acceptance device during the first determination.

Claim 7 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the determination device stops the second determination and moves onto the third determination in the case where the second selection acceptance is performed by the selection acceptance device during the second determination.

Claim 8 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection acceptance device accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium while the information obtaining device is obtaining the necessary information for the reproduction.

Claim 9 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the selection request device prompts the user to select the type of the recording medium by voice.

Claim 10 (Original): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection acceptance device accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium by recognizing the voice uttered by the user.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An information reproducing method of an information reproducing apparatus, wherein the information reproducing method comprises:

a process which prompts a user to select a type of a loaded recording medium;

a process which accepts selection of the type of the recording medium from the user;

a process which obtains necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium; and

a process which reproduces recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information,

wherein the information reproducing method further comprises:

a determination process which determines the type of the recording medium; and

a mode selection acceptance process which accepts from the user, selection of one of a determination mode by the determination process and a selection acceptance mode by the selection acceptance process,

wherein the information obtaining process obtains the necessary information for the reproduction from the recording medium according to the type of the recording medium in the selected mode,

wherein the selection acceptance process accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium during the determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination process, and

wherein the information obtaining process obtains the necessary information for reproduction according to the type of the recording medium based on a faster one of the determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination process and the selection of the type of the recording medium by the selection acceptance process.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A recording medium on which an information reproduction processing program is computer-readably recorded, wherein the information

reproduction processing program causes a computer included in an information reproducing apparatus to perform the functions of:

prompting a user to select a type of a loaded recording medium;

accepting selection of the type of the recording medium from the user;

obtaining necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium; and

controlling the reproduction of recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information,

wherein the information reproduction processing program further causes the computer to perform the functions of:

determining the type of the recording medium; and

accepting from the user a selection of one of a determination mode by the determination process and a selection acceptance mode by the selection acceptance process,

wherein the information obtaining process obtains the necessary information for the reproduction from the recording medium according to the type of the recording medium in the selected mode,

wherein the selection acceptance process accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium during the determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination process, and

wherein the information obtaining process obtains the necessary information for reproduction according to the type of the recording medium based on a faster one of the

determination of the type of the recording medium by the determination process and the selection of the type of the recording medium by the selection acceptance process.